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In re Application of :  
Cox, et al. : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Application No. 09/294,956 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
Filed: April 20, 1999 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 12558 :

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),  
filed May 4, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

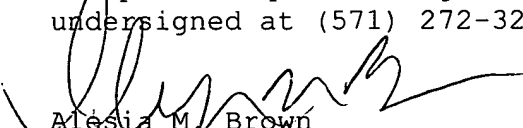
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to  
timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed  
August 23, 2005. The final Office action set a three month  
statutory period of time for reply. Notice of Abandonment was  
mailed April 3, 2006.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requires submission of:  
(1) the reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice,  
unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in §  
1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the  
required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of  
a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional.  
The Director may require additional information where there is a  
question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal  
disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to  
37 CFR 1.137(d).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with  
the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to  
timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action is accepted  
as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for  
processing of the RCE submitted herewith.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the  
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